GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5137
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PROVISION OF CEREMONIAL BODYGUARD FOR CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in Asian Age dated March 31, 2000 captioned `Gen. Malik wants own Ceremonial bodyguard`;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c) : Government have seen the media report. Personnel drawn from the Corps of Military Police have been assigned the duty of security of Chief of Army Staff since 1996. Government have not sanctioned any special allowance for such personnel.